

## THE BALLAD OF MULAN

Q1. Mulan was a courageous and patriotic girl. Give reasons to support your answer.

Ans. Mulan was a heroic Chinese teenage girl. She saved her country from the enemy army with her courage and talent. The Chinese emperor had issued an order that one man from each family must join the army. As soon as Mulan came to know about this order, she decided to go to war. As her brother was very small and father was very old, she thought it was her moral duty. Her patriotic spirit motivated her to fight for her country. She fought bravely in the war and became a General. Admiring her valour and bravery, the Emperor was willing to appoint her as the minister. She humbly refused to stay in the palace and expressed her wish to return to her village. She returned to her village to see her family.

Q2. Why was Mulan sorrowful?

Ans. Mulan was sorrowful because the emperor had ordered to conscript men from every family and she did not have an elder brother. Moreover, her younger was too young to go and fight. She was concerned about her father's condition and was not willing to send him to fight in the battlefield.

Q3. Why were the soldiers astonished?

Ans. The brave soldiers who had accompanied Mulan for twelve years did not know that she was a girl. When they saw her dressed like a beautiful lady they were astonished.

Q4. Write a character sketch of Mulan.

Ans. Mulan was a heroic Chinese teenage girl. As a multifaceted personality she showed her love for her country by fighting bravely. She also, exhibited her love for her father and brother. Patriotism In those days girls were not allowed in the army. So she groomed herself like a boy. She fought bravely in spite of her father's opposition. Her patriotism and love for her family are well- balanced. She saved her country from the enemy army with her courage and talent. She has various attributes which are worth emulating. Lovable daughter The Chinese emperor ordered that one man from each family must join the army. As soon as Mulan came to know about this order, she didn't want her father to join the army in his old age. She was lovable to her father. She loved her country too. So she decided to join the army instead of him. Her Valour She made a surprise attack on the enemy. This time she victoriously ended the war. Her Humbleness Admiring her valour and bravery in the war, the Emperor set aside the rule against girls' participation in the war. Emperor was willing to appoint her as the royal minister. She refused humbly and returned to her village to see her family. Her joy was restored in the family reunion.

Q5. Reference to the context. A "Mulan has no use for a minister's post. I wish to ride a swift mount To take me back to my home."

1. Identify the poem.

Ans. The poem is 'The Ballad of Mulan'.

2. How was Mulan rewarded for her triumphant victory?

Ans. Mulan was offered the post of a minister.

3. What did she desire?

Ans. She wanted to reach home as soon as possible.

B. "Facing the window she fixes her cloud-like hair, Hanging up a mirror she dabs on yellow flower powder."

1. How does Mulan get ready ?

Ans. Mulan fixes her cloud-like hair and applies yellow flower powder to enhance her beauty.

2. How do her comrades react?

Ans. They are all amazed and spellbound.

3. Where is she supposed to go?

Ans. She is supposed to go to the emperor's palace to be honoured and receive prizes.

#### EXTRA QUESTIONS

Q1. Why did Mulan endure hardships?

Q2. How many years did she spend in the battlefield?

Q3. Quote lines from the poem which tell that all family members were excited about her return?

Q4. How does the elder sister and little brother help Mulan?

Q5. What did Mulan do after returning home?